# MERCURY JET TARGET RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR AGS E-951

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## **Mercury Target Requirements**

- Generate a one-centimeter diameter arcing horizontal jet of mercury to provide a 10 to 15-centimeter interaction length with the proton beam.
- Provide an unobstructed view of the interaction zone for high speed imaging.
- Operate simply, reliably and remotely.
- Safely contain projectiles which may be generated by mercury-beam interactions.
- Manage mercury vapor generation.
- Mounting system to provide for easy interchange of other test targets.
- Materials of construction must be compatible with mercury and survive a radiation environment.



# Main Features of Pneumatic Mercury Jet Apparatus

## • Mercury jet containments:

- Dual containment assembly for mercury containment
- External fiducial registration for quick installation and replacement
- Constructed of commercially available components wherever possible

## • Primary containment:

- Constructed out of commercial vacuum components
- May be inerted, vented to atmosphere through mercury traps
- Pressure relief and liquid level sensors on mercury reservoirs
- Remote pneumatic operation, no active electrical components
- Interior is mercury wetted, all materials mercury compatible
- Can be isolated and pressurized for leak testing
- Beam windows are Inconel 718 and/or Havar



# Main Features of Pneumatic Mercury Jet Apparatus

- Secondary containment:
  - Commercially fabricated out of welded stainless steel
  - Air atmosphere, always vented to atmosphere through mercury traps
  - No active electrical components
  - Interior is not mercury wetted, but all components are mercury compatible
  - Interior can be manually sniffed for mercury
  - View ports are quartz, Lexan or ballistic glass
  - Approximate size: 20" wide x 20" high x 36" long



# Main Features of Pneumatic Mercury Jet Apparatus

### • Mode of operation:

- Pneumatic operation and control to provide a 5-second duration mercury jet
- Two-dimensional positioning table is remotely controlled
- Remote operation of jet apparatus by computer control
- Minimize beam line entry requirements and radiation exposure
- Mercury sniffer on hand during operation
- Visual detection of mercury in secondary containment
- All components are mercury compatible
- Radiation resistant materials such as poly-ether-etherketone valve seats, ethylene-propylene O-rings and Viton or copper flange gaskets are used
- Can reset for next test remotely in minutes



## **Materials Considerations**

#### Containments:

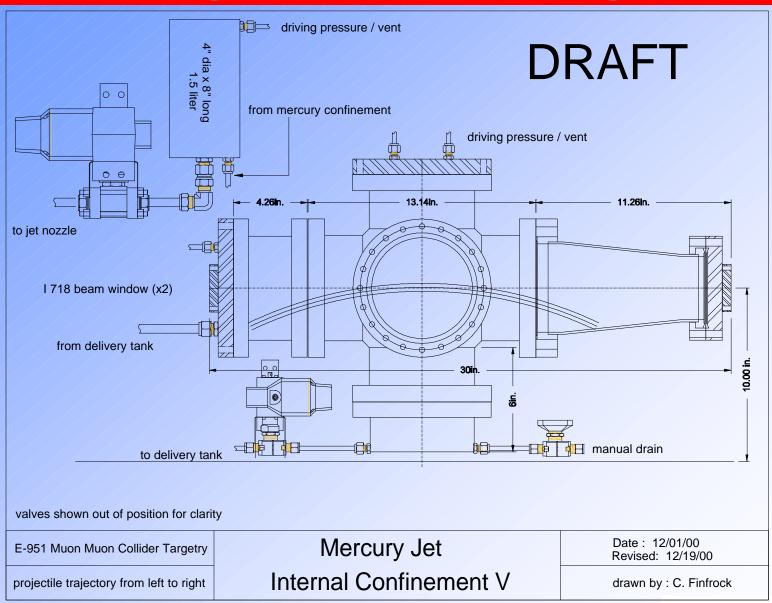
- Commercially available stainless steel components for inner containment
- Welded stainless steel sheet for outer containment
- Inconel-718/Havar alloy external beam windows
- Quartz, Lexan or ballistic glass internal view ports
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#### Valves:

- Stainless steel bodies
- Poly-ether-ether-ketone seats
- Ethylene-propylene or "grafoil" flange seals
- Non-fluorocarbon actuators
- Pressure ratings in excess of 1000 psig



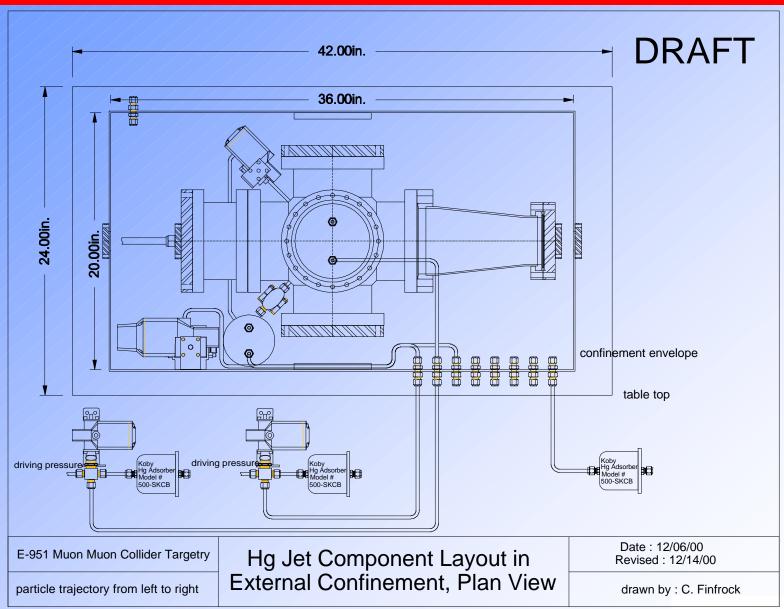
# Mercury Jet Internal Confinement, Integral Reservoir Design



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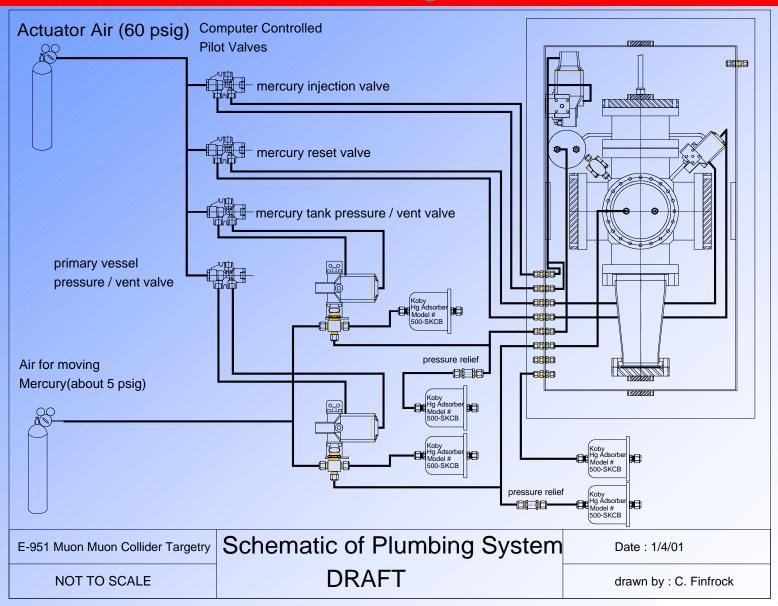
# Looking Into The Secondary Confinement From Above



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# Pneumatic Control System for Mercury Jet



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## **Current Status**

- Preliminary tests with water jets are complete.
- Mercury jet target designs are substantially complete, final detailing still underway.
- Test stand is installed in the beam line.
- Materials procurement underway.

